users. Apart from this, in order to improve the drivers skills on roads, a scheme of two-days refresher training course to HMV drivers in unorganized sector is in operation.

(c) and (d) This Department issues directions every year to all the State Governments, NGOs working in the field of Road Safety to celebrate "Road Safety Week" for spreading awareness amongst the road users.

(e) and (f) The enforcement of provisions of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 including aspect of road safety is the responsibility of the State Government. However, on the request of this Ministry, NCERT have included the Road Safety as a subject in the Social Science curriculum for the Class VII. Apart from this, grants-in-aid are being given to various NGOs to spread awareness amongst the road users including the school children through activities such as holding of essay and painting competitions in the schools.

(g) and (h) This Department is not aware whether any Transport Departments of State Governments have brought out any brochure of their own for parents containing Do's and Don'ts. However, spreading the message of Road Safety amongst the road users is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and they implement their own schemes to propagate road safety message.

Environment friendly vehicles

1910. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of automobile companies are manufacturing environment friendly electric vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are preparing any proposal for providing subsidies and other facilities to these companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Manufacturers like Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., Scooters India Ltd. and REVA Electric Car Co (Pvt.) Limited are manufacturing battery operated electric vehicles.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy have been providing subsidy of 33% of the cost of new indigenously developed vehicles (exclusive of excise duty, sales tax and all other levies) or Rs. 80,000/- per vehicle for battery operated three wheelers (eight seater and above), Rs. 75000/- per vehicle for battery operated passenger cars (four seater) and Rs. 3.50 lakhs for battery operated buses/minibuses (ten seater and above), whichever is less, to Government organizations, Government undertakings, Autonomous Institutions, Public/Private Limited Companies, Registered Voluntary Institutions and Registered Professional Associations of repute, under the Societies Registration Act, Hospitals, Educational Institutions, Tourism and Archaeological Sites etc.

Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.

1911. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Shipyard of Visakhapatnam has received a huge order of sixteen Bulk Cargo Ships;

(b) whether Government would extend subsidies to H.S.L. to meet this demand;

(c) the other steps Government would take to expand and modernize the Vizag Shipyard;

(d) the demands that are pending with Government to help the H.S.L.;

(e) whether Government would help increase design and know-how facilities at H.S.L.; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (f) Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam has received orders for ten bulk carriers comprising four 30,000 DWT bulk carriers and six 53,000 DWT bulk carriers. The shipyard is eligible for and getting subsidy for the above vessels as per the Government of India subsidy scheme. Rehabilitation-cum-Financial Restructuring plan covering all aspects of revival of HSL, is under process.